

REMARKS

Upon entry of this paper, claims 1–13 will be pending in this application. Claims 26–28 and 31 are hereby withdrawn without prejudice.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has concluded that claims 1–13 contain allowable subject matter and has allowed claims 1–13.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 26–28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,399,303 to Connolly ("Connolly") in view of Heath et al. (*J. Phys. Chem. B* 1997, *101*, 189–197) ("Heath"). This rejection is now moot, in view of the withdrawal of claims 26–28 and 31.

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental IDS, including a PTO-1449 form. This PTO-1449 form lists three references that are cited in the specification of the application. See page 2, line 13 and page 10, lines 4–5. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate that he has considered these references by initialing the PTO-1449 form.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

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